

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A laminated optical device is a laminate formed of a polarizing layer having a thickness of not larger than 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , and at least one birefringent layer including either a solid film of oriented liquid crystal or a polymer layer containing oriented liquid crystal. A liquid-crystal display apparatus includes a liquid-crystal display panel, and at least one laminated optical device defined above and disposed on one of opposite surfaces of the liquid-crystal display panel.